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TARMER.

"I am standing now just behind the ourtain, and in full glow of the coming the track, before me lies the dark valley and the river. When I mingle with its dark waters I want to cast one linger ing look upon a country whose govern ment is of the people, for the people, and by the people,"-L. L. Polk, July 4th, 1890.

N. R. P. A.

EDITORIAL NOTES

- .*. If we ever have another legisla ture in North Carolina it should adopt the State motto "to be rather than seem to be.
- ** It is rumored that the tariff issue will be pigeonholed in 1896 and the great political battle will be fought on "crinoline"
- *** From the number of big failures that are occurring every day, we are prepared to state that we are entering upon an era of great prosperity since Mr. Cleveland came to the bat.
- ** Say, you smart men who declare that the government cannot and should not help the people, we want to know why you are always asking the legislature to do something to improve the public roads?
- ** A correspondent of the Thomasville News says: "The Alliance is dying, is it? Well, perhaps it is, but we have not seen anything of the corpse in this section. On the contrary new life has been our experience since the election."
- ** A sad accident occurred at Rutherfordton last Wednesday. By the W. Dixon and her two children, aged three and one years respectively, were burned to death. Mrs. Dixon's husband is a well known hardware drummer.
- ** From time immemorial the railroads of the country have tried to avoid paying tax. Several in the South are now in the hands of the sheriffs, so to speak. Are they not able to pay tax? If not they are no not hurt sensible people. Read it, worse off than thousands of other people whose property is advertised for sale for taxes.
- ** From the way some of the edi tors who fought against the "huge pension fraud" are grabbing up the offices in that department, we conclude that the "fraud" has been overestimated. Some very prominent Southern citizens will sweat blood for the poor soldiers and their kinfolks for four long years
- ** Lewis Redwine, who up to the Gate City Bank at Atlanta, has adicted for the embezzlement of 48, and is now in prison. If he waited a few days longer Cleve would have been inaugurated and nout stealing it.
- ** A weekly paper called the Snapig Turtle has been started in Atlanta. is said to be edited by members of to newspaper fraternity in that city. Now why don't those editors do that through the papers they edit every is in the State. Again it says: day? Why start another paper?
- ** We suppose President Cleveland appointed J. G. Carlisle Secretary of the Treasury so as to have him around many, India, Canada. to sample wine. Mr. Carlisle cught to been swimming in it for years. In November, 1882, Kate Riley, a notoritucky courts for wine and liquor bills. ner, we are always glad to correct these ing will be important, as much busi- will call you a "calamity howler," Of course Carlisle is smart when he is little errors (?)

sober, but why should the people of America have him in such a high position? He will play smash watching the country's money when he is lying drunk for weeks at a time.

- ** Claus Spreckles, of the sugar trust, and his little scheme to annex Hawaii have been turned down. It is said that President Cleveland had much to do with the defeat of the scheme. If so it is the best thing he has done since he was first elected President. We will give him credit every time he does a worthy act.
- ** Read the letter from Thomas Jefferson to James Madison, which you will find in another column. This letter was written just four years before the breaking out of the French revolution, which was the bloodiest and most destructive revolution in the world's history, and the conditions described in this letter were what brought it
- ** During the last session of Con gress \$37,000 was appropriated with which to pay employes of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and to meet In writing to anybody, always be incidental expenses during the present fiscal year. It has just been discovered | folly to raise cotton at from 6 to 9 that the engrossed bill signed by the President only carried the sum of \$37. The clerical error cannot be rectified idvertisement in THE PROGRESSIVE until Congress again convenes.
- ** The Concord Times says: "Rev. J. G. Anderson recently closed his fifth year as pastor of Rocky River church. During the time he preached 1777 sermons, made 1705 pastoral visits, bapsunset. Behind me are the shadows on | tized 151 persons, and received into the church 169, an average of 34 a year. How about the publications made last fall that a part of his congregation de manded his resignation because he was a Third party man? Looks like that wanted to get rid of a mighty good pastor. We know the congregation and the pastor. Both are all right.
 - ** A well to do citizen of Wake county, one of our subscribers, and a man who has never been a member of the Alliance, nor classed as a "calamity howler," which shows that he is not biased, recently remarked to a neigh bor: "I have watched THE PROGRES SIVE FARMER very closely for years and tried to catch it lying, but if it has ever published a falsehood I have not found it out." Such testimonials are of more real value than the plaudits of the crowned heads of all the earth. This paper makes mistakes and may be mis guided by other people, but its motto is truth, justice and fairness. If we do anything or anyone an injustice we always cheerfully correct it.
- ** We have examined a book en titled "The trime of Caste," just put before the public. It describes what it terms the "two great political revolu tions," the election of Lincoln in 1860 and of Cleveland in 1892, giving the causes, etc. Our older people remem ber a little about a revolution that be gan early after Lincoln's election, but the more truthful are not willing to say that they know anything about a overturning of a lamp Mrs. Thomas revolution in 1892. If the election of Cleveland by a plurality is a revolu tion, then we are not posted. He lacked nearly one million votes of getting half that were cast. It is said that 37,000 votes divided among a few States would have either elected Harrison or have thrown the election in the House of Representatives. However, "The Crime of Caste" is a readable book and will

----HERE'S YOUR CORRECTION.

The Tarboro Southerner thinks we suppressed the truth in publishing the statement about the sale of Elisha Cromwell's 1,400 acre farm in Edgecombe county. Well, we said it sold | under mortgage for \$5,900-about \$4 acre. The Southerner says the land was bought in by the person holding the second mortgage, and that it was mortgaged for several thousand dol- full delegations. lars more than it sold for. What has first of this month was assistant cashier | that got to do with it? True we didn't | to some extent, and but for the unpre say anything about the second mort- cedented weather those meetings would gage, for we didn't know of it. But that it was mortgaged for "several thousand dollars more than it sold for" we do not deny. In fact that was the d then have had plenty of money | point we made. "Several thousand dollars more than it sold for" was just what we were complaining about. But why didn't somebody pay more for it? The Southerner is assured that we

had no idea of creating a bad impres nd the object is to criticize anything sion about Edgecombe county. There time. True farm work is pressing, but and everything, make exposures, etc. is no reason why we should, and we suppose it is as good a county as there "By the way, the cause of this decline lies deeper than American politics,

for all over the earth farm lands have

declined, in England, France, Ger-Of course. The same rascality that be a good judge of wine, for he has has caused the decline in America has his or her part. If every member will caused it in other countries. The go to the Sub Alliance meetings there "financiers" of America and England, CHS Kentucky woman, sued him for a France, Germany, etc., are closely is all right, there will be no trouble wine bill amounting to \$290. There are allied. They are linked together by about the county meetings. We take to such business. If you say anything numerous other suits docketed in Ken- close ties. Come again, Mr. Souther- it for granted that each county meet

STOP BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

Is there has been an i-sue of this paper for months that has not had some thing to say against a large cotton erop, we don't remember it. Many will take the advice while others are going headlong for a big crop. Merchants and guano men say the cotton erop is likely to be larger than last year. The same news comes from the great cotton States. Texas will plant for a four million-bale crop. If all the other States act accordingly and the season be favorable, the crop will amount to nine or ten million bales. If so, no matter how great the demand, there will be a better excuse for low prices. The size of the crop is not the worst feature. People never have and never will raise too much of anything, That is contrary to all natural laws. But the one crop plan is their great danger-raising cotton and buying supplies, paying exorbitant prices in most cases. If cotton was selling at 20 cents per pound that mode of farming would be a failure. Every year proves that this is true. While grain is cheap at present, meat is very high. It is cents and buy meat at from 7 to 15 cents per pound. You cannot afford to buy meat even at 4 cents with cotton at such prices. Supply and de mand hardly ever affect prices nowadays. You may raise a large cotton crop and get more for it than you did for a smaller crop. That has been the case for years. But if there wasn't a crop gambler in the world the one crop plan of tarming in any locality or cereal would sooner or later ruin any farmer. This is more important to North Carolina farmers than to those in Mississippi or Texas, for they can and expense than we can in North Carolina, and they are not burdened with the additional outlay for guano.

TARIFF LESSON NO. SEVEN.

The tariff on double-barrel shot-guns worth \$6 was reduced just a fraction by the Congress of 1890. On those valued at from \$6 to \$12 it was raised just a little On those valued above \$12 the tariff was raised from 35 per cent. to \$6 on each gun and 35 per cent. ad valorum in addition. The tariff on cut nails, spikes, etc., was reduced from 11 cents per pound to 1 cent. On wire nails from 4 to 2; small sized nails from 4 to 21. Other small nails and tacks remain practically unchanged, for wherever a slight reduction was made a slight raise occurred. Railway fish plates, of iron or steel, were reduced from 11 to 1 cent per pound Rivets, screws, saws of all kinds and other material much used remain unchanged except screws less than a half an inch long were reduced (?) from 12 cents per pound to 14. Ingots were reduced from 2 cents per pound to 13 cents Aluminium was free before and a tax of 15 cents per pound was put on it. German silver and brass were not reduced. We take it for granted that the members of Congress thought they had brass enough themselves.

THE APRIL MEETINGS.

When the October meetings of the County Alliances were held last fall, the country was agitated by one of the most bitter political campaigns ever known. The Sub-Alliances were divided politically. Party feeling ran high. Every man said "I am right, you are wrong." The newspapers and political speakers took advantage of the situation to get in some effective work and regain some of the ground they had lost. Extreme men in all the parties said and did things that were detrimental to the Alliance organization. To be frank, nearly all of us had on our war paint. Hence the October county meetings were not what they ought to have been, for the Sub Alliances were too much stirred up to send

have been well attended and profitable. Many counties held small meetings any how. Others have held special call meetings since, most of them very good ones.

The time will soon be here for the April quarterly meetings. It never was more necessary for good meetings than now. Political matters and bad weather will not serve as excuses this it never should be so urgent as to prevent farmers meeting together a day or two for mutual benefit. Time is valuable, but never so valuable that it will be lost if used for the right pur-

they should be, each member must do will be a full attendance. If the Sub. ness has been postponed heretofore. "communist" or "socialist."

Let each bro her who has the cause at heart to go work. Get your neighbors to attend the Sub meetings and pay up their dues. Let the next county meet ings make the best reports they have

in twelve months. We will add the usual words of cau tion to the brethren, especially presid ing officers: Stick to the Constitution. Some enthusiastic brother may want to make a Democratic speech. If so, tell him it is against the rules. Some enthusiastic Populist may want to make a Populist speech. If so, turn the screws on him, tell him it is against the rules. Some one on one side or the other may want to criticize some party. Tell them it is against the rules, and that all such speeches should be made on stumps or goods boxes in the open air. Encourage a spirit of fraternity, avoid personalities or anything calcu lated to destroy harmony. If these directions are carried out all will be well. Let some one in each county in form us at once by letter or postal card of the date and place of meeting of each County Alliance, so as to give a much publicity as possible.

HEALTH REPORT.

We are indebted to Dr. R. H. Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer, for the fourth bi Health. Speaking of consumption it not near so much of this disease found in North Carolina as in States north and west of us. The increased death who was fond of whiskey and cigars attribute this to their social conditions. They are huddled in the sub urbs of every town, often in unwholegiven for number of cases of each dis | publicity. The "contingency" ex there was more sickness during that | "catch on."

During the past two years sporadio cholera was reported from three coun ties; one case in each county in 1891 and one case in July, 1892. The Board thinks the danger from Asiatic cholera is not entirely over. However, the past cold winter ought to be something of a safeguard as the germs of disease ought to be killed for the time being. In proof of this is the fact that there is but little sickness in the State at this time, and there has been but little in three months.

Cerebro spinal meningitis made it appearance at LaGrange in January 1890, and completely demoralized the town, breaking up the Davis School there. During the year it appeared in eleven counties. In 1891 it appeared in only two counties, while none was reported during 1892.

The death rate from consumption during 1891 92 shows that 2.1 per cent. of whites died in each thousand, while 5 3 per cent. of the negroes died from the same disease. It is believed that one reason for the great deathrate among negroes is the fact that most o them sleep with their heads under the bed covering, especially during cold weather, breathing impure and devitalized air a considerable part of the

Deaths from diphtheria are much less in number for '91-92 than for '89-90. La grippe has almost disap peared from the State, only two cases having been reported since last April.

Deaths from malarial fever were nearly two thirds greater in number for '89-90 than for '91-02. Pneumonia continues about the same. Next to consumption it carries off more people than any disease we have in the State. Reports show that scarlatina has been about the same for the past four years. It is a very dangerous disease and is commonly called scarlet fever. But few deaths have occurred, showing that it has been of a mild type. There has been no small pox during the past By January this feeling had subsided four years. Typhoid fever is quite prevalent in all parts of the State, being more fatal in the mountains than elsewhere. Altogether, if the reports are correct, the people of the State have been peculiarly blessed in the way of health, especially during the past two years.

HISTORY OF A TRUST.

In 1887 a number of men, mostly Bostonians, entered into a trust to control the ice business in the South. operations they were not quite so rich as they are now. The paid up capital only amounted to \$125,000. To day it is said their check would go for two or To make these county meetings what | three millions. They are worth in the aggregate \$3,600,000. In other words they have made nearly thirty times as much clear profit as they put into the business five years ago. Yet the people they have robbed are not all opposed

MORE STATE HISTORY.

Last week we told how \$5,000 of the State money had been paid to two law firms for legal advice in collecting \$7,500 taxes from the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company. We also mentioned the fact that the sum of \$28,908 61 had been paid out "For contingencies" in 1892, and asked if that was for "partisan purposes." No answer has been heard. But that was only a beginning. We will give broken doses at first. Remember we are publishing facts and can give page, chapter and verse at any time. Keep your ears open and your eyes peeled. There is enough to interest everybody without going back very far, so we relate things that have occurred in the past two years.

We find that the State paid Mr Josephus Daniels the sum of \$20,746 30 for public printing done during 1891 Just how much of this amount went to the printing house that did the work, and how much went to Mr. Daniels and for "partisan purposes" no one seems to know. Will somebody throw some light on this subject? The taxpayers of the State want to know.

By reference to the disbursement of State funds for 1891, we find that "contingencies" play an important hand in ennial report of the State Board of the game. During that year \$34,050 51 were spent for "contingencies." Add says that statistics show that there is that to the sum for same in 1892 and we have the handsome sum of \$62. 959.12. We once knew a travelling man rate among the colored population is a These expenses he always charged striking feature. The Board of Health | up as "contingencies." Now the taxpayers of the State want to know whether this \$62,959 12 went for such 'essentials" or whether it was used some shanties. They do not pay any for "partisan purposes." If anybody was false or else the congregation raise big crops of cotton with less labor attention to sanitary or other laws in will kindly explain matters, we will take many places. By comparing the figures | pleasure in giving the explanations ease for 1891 92 we find that the reports | penses run up pretty high for both years were fuller for '91 than for 92, or else and the tax payers don't exactly

REPEALED THE SCHOOL LAW-

During the session of the legislature a member proposed the repeal of a law incorporating a church in Macon county, giving the section of the Code, etc. Instead of the act of incorporation he had struck the school law of the State. A vote was taken and the school law was repealed while the church was still incorporated. Fortunately the error was discovered and a supplementary bill passed correcting it two or three days before the legislature adjourned. If it had not been found out, a special session of the legislature would have been necessary or else the State would have been without public schools for two years. The people of the State hardly realize the deadly peril they were in when that legislature was in session.

THE CHANCE HAS COME

For the first time in nearly forty years the Democracy finds itself in full possession of the government, and with a carte blanche from the people to do whatever it thinks best for the good of the people, says the Anderson, S. C. Advocate.

For long years the cry has been, and truthfully so, that the Democracy has not "had a chance." The people have been constantly told that relief would come if they would only give the Democrats a chance, and now the people have taken them at their word, and have given them "a chance." Having waited long years for the Republicans to do what they promised in every cam paign to do, but just as often failed to do, the people turned from them in disgust and have placed full power in the hands of the Democracy and have given them "a chance." And what a splendid chance it is. It means a chance to give the overburdened people relief from the grievous burdens that have been fastened about their necks by a party drunk with the lust of power. It means a chance to reform our vicious | ing the campaign, or to the voters financial system. It means a chance to protect the masses rather than the classes. It means a chance to legislate in the interest of the many as against the few. It means a chance to check the enormous aggregation of wealth in the hands of a few, while the toiling millions go unrequited. All this it means and a great deal more. Will they improve the chance? We confess that in the light of past history we have many misgivings as to the result. They operate in every State except If they are wise enough to see the op-North Carolina. When they began portunity and to secure it, then long years of power await them and the country will have Democratic administrations for years to come. The people have become weary of the reckless abuse of power, and the reckless expenditures of public money by the party that has so long been in control ful." of the nation's affairs. But if they do not measure up to the needs of the hour and fail to heed the popular demand, then we will not have another against a trust some of these people | Democratic administration, and some other party, born of the necessities and wish for things to go on until 8 exigencies of the case, will arise and people shall be brought to their separate

sweep away those who are faithless the trust committed to them. We sh see what we shall see. The hour struck and the "chance has come We sincerely hope those in power, be wise enough to use it aright

----AN ERROR CORRECTED.

We stated last week that Sens. Jones said in a speech in the Sens evening session of March 3d, that appropriations up to that time by General Assembly were....\$804 55 The bills that passed after this, as we have been informed, were for quaran-

tine station..... 20.00 Penitentiary contingent.... Oxford Orphanage, colored. Total appropriations \$850,05 Now add mileage and per

diem and other expenses

of the General Assembly.. And you have a total of . \$913,060 he Auditor's report for 1891 puts down the receipts from general taxes.....\$601,24

Which shows that the general tax falls short of the appropriations......\$311,818

This shows that if these approp tions are to be met out of the gen taxes, that the income from this some will have to increase to the amount \$51.80 on every one hundred dollars 1891; that is, in round numbers, an crease of 52 per cent. over 1891 use the figures of 1891 because we had none later at hand.

A comparison of the above figur with those we made last week will plain the error. Now we will say to if there is any error in the above sta ment we do not know it, and are responsible for it, except that we has of several small appropriations to page clerks, etc., along about the clear hours of the General Assembly, wh we have not been able to reduce to ures yet. We ask our brethren paste this in their hats, if they can get it inside their skulls and indellig impressed upon the memory bump their brains, and think about it. a text for the farmer whose proper is constantly shrinking in value a his labor bringing him diminished

THE W. & W. R. R. TAXES.

The question of the liability of the W. & W. R. R. Company for tar having been settled, the Railroad Co mission has sent out a certified star ment of tax valuation of the proper of the incorporation. The proper liable to State tax is.....\$11,213 Liable to county tax..... Towns.....

Which is distributed to the count along the line as follows: New Hanover..... \$ 256 Cumberland.... Robeson....

Vilson.... The city of Wilmington tax on \$

TAR DROPS.

Speaking of blowing people up. kerosene can. - Wilson Mirror. A great many people are saying they thought Grover Cleveland too much sense to stand with und

ered head for hours in a snow storm

An exchange informs us that ho

Asheville Citizen

skirts have been temporarily tracked. Now who cares whether Cleveland appoints the men who office under his former administrati or not. - Wilmington Star.

Puck, Cleveland's organ, has for motto, "What fools these mortals Does it refer to the men who n such wild promises for Cleveland were fooled by the promises of p cians?—Goldsboro Caucasian,

DANA STILL SAFE.

Mr. Cleveland has not yet inclu old man Dana under the excluded is an editor and may get office. C land is mighty forgiving and pro enemies to friends some times. mington Messenger.

CALAMITY HOWLING.

The News and Observer of Mari started out its editorials with th lowing:

"There is considerable demand money at the North, and cash is his to obtain. This is the more no worthy, as at this date, there is get ally no great demand for money. outlook is, therefore, not very che

Just what we have been saying the time. Yet such papers as the A and Observer have cried "calab howling," and other things. Wed want to see anybody suffer, but we